

IV.—A new Genus of Heteromerous Coleoptera allied to *Notoxus*. By CHARLES O. WATERHOUSE.

THE interesting form which I here describe has been in the British Museum for some time, and being a very conspicuous insect I thought it had in all probability been named. As that, however, does not appear to be the case, I propose to call it *Hypaspistes*.

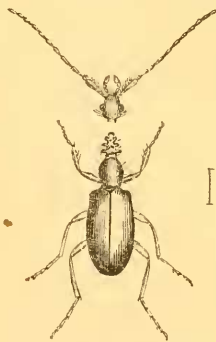
HYPASPISTES, n. gen.

General characters of *Notoxus*, but differing as follows:—Antennæ as long as the whole insect, the second joint very short, the following joints very long and slender. Apical joint of the maxillary palpi longer and more distinctly cultriform. Anterior femora with the lower edge compressed and with an acute tooth at the base. Tarsi long and slender, the penultimate joint very short, narrower than in *Notoxus*. Scutellum very small.

Hypaspistes armatus, n. sp.

Testaceous, nitidus, lævis, parce pallide pubescens; thoracis processu supra granulato, utrinque tridentato.
Long. 5 millim.

Head smooth and shining, the underside with numerous round black granules. Basal joint of the antennæ beset with long pale pubescence. Thorax smooth and very convex, suddenly declivous posteriorly. The thoracic process as long as the body of the thorax, with numerous nearly black shining granules, those at the base transverse; apex with the margin incrassate; each side with three strong teeth, which are nearly black at the apex. Elytra very convex, shining, sparsely pubescent. Legs pale testaceous; anterior tibiæ a little enlarged in the middle, pubescent on the inner side.



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